

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Applicants originally submitted Claims 1-50 in the application. Previously, the Applicants amended Claims 1-4, 11-14, 21-24, 31-34, 41-44 and 46. In the present Office Action, the Examiner has indicated that dependent Claims 24 and 31 include allowable subject matter and that Claims 33-50 are allowed. In order to expedite issuance, the Applicants have amended independent Claims 19 and 26 with allowable subject matter and have canceled Claims 1-18, 24 and 31 without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, Claims 19-23, 25-20 and 32-50 are currently pending in the application.

I. Rejection of Claims 1-23, 25-30 and 32 under 35 U.S.C. §102

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-23, 25-30 and 32 under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,940,369 to Bhagavath, *et al.* The rejection of Claims 1-18 is now moot since these Claims have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer as stated above. Additionally, independent Claims 19 and 26 have been amended with allowable subject matter to render the present rejection of these Claims and Claims dependent thereon moot. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the §102 rejection with respect to pending Claims 19-23, 25-30 and 32 and allow issuance thereof.

II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, the Applicants see all of the Claims currently pending in this application to be in condition for allowance and therefore earnestly solicit a Notice of Allowance for Claims 19-23, 25-30 and 32-50.

The Applicants request the Examiner to telephone the undersigned attorney of record at (972) 480-8800 if such would further or expedite the prosecution of the present application. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, credits or overpayments to Deposit Account 08-2395.

Respectfully submitted,

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